1990



1987

- DNA first used to convict criminals
- Nazi Klaus Barbie sentenced to life in prison
- New York Stock Exchange "Black Monday"





- Thousands protest in Burma
- Iran Air Flight 655 shot down by US
- Benazir Bhutto first woman Prime Minister of Pakistan
- Pan Am Flight 103 bombed over Lockerbie, Scotland
- World population growing by 220,000 a day



- Berlin Wall falls
- Exxon Valdez oil spill on Alaska coast
- Computer viruses infect networks worldwide
- Students massacred in China's Tiananmen Square



1991

- Nelson Mandela released from prison after 26 years
- Hubble Space Telescope launched

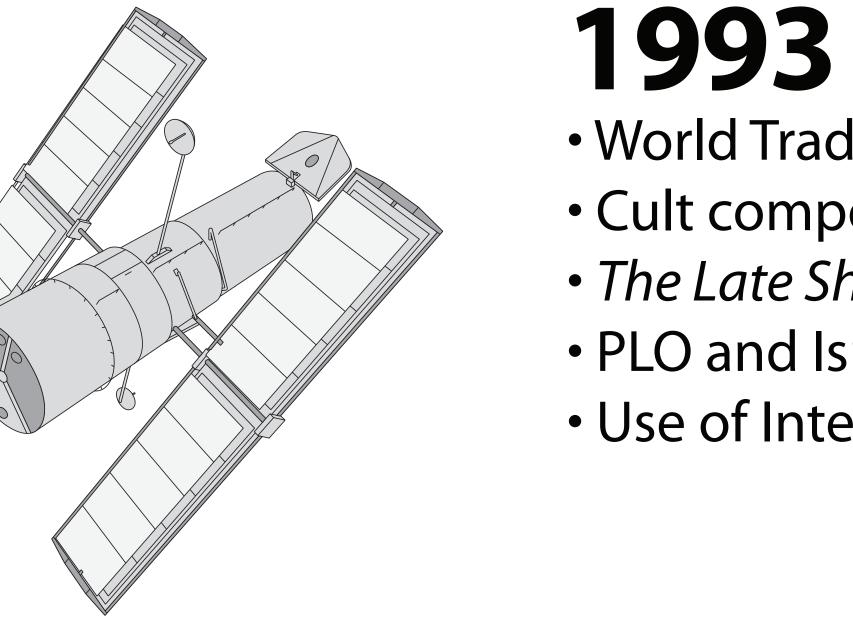
Bronze Age man found frozen in glacier

Clarence Thomas of sexual harassment

South Africa repeals Apartheid laws

Anita Hill accuses Supreme Court nominee

- Lech Walesa overwhelmingly elected President of Poland
- Mafia boss John Gotti arrested



1994

- Channel tunnel opens, connecting Britain and France
- Nelson Mandela elected President of South Africa
- O.J. Simpson arrested for double murder
- Rwandan genocide begins

- World Trade Center first bombed
- Cult compound in Waco, Texas raided
- The Late Show with David Letterman premieres on CBS PLO and Israeli peace accord signed
- Use of Internet grows exponentially



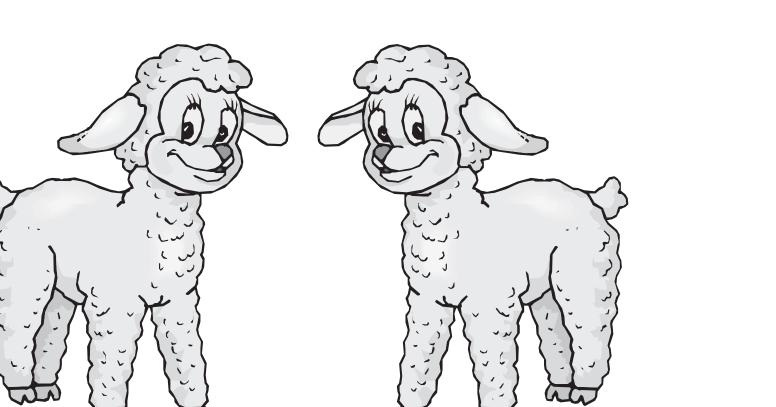
Hong Kong returned to China

Princess Diana dies in car crash

Tiger Woods wins Masters

Pathfinder sends back images of Mars

- Whitewater scandal
- Dolly the sheep successfully cloned
- Mad Cow Disease hits Britain
- Unabomber arrested



1999

- Euro new European currency
- Fear of Y2K bug
- JFK Jr. dies in plane accident
- Killing spree at Columbine High School
- Panama Canal returned to Panama



2000

- US population 281+ million, 35.3 million Hispanic, 34.7 million African American
- Worldwide millennium celebrations
- Peanuts creator, Charles Schulz, dies
- Senator Hillary Clinton first First Lady to win public office
- Supreme Court determines George W. Bush president
- Dot.com bubble bursts, recession begins

Estrogen replacement linked to ovarian cancer • 32.9 million classified in US as poor Nancy Pelosi first woman Speaker of the House Department of Homeland Security established

2002

2003

- Space shuttle Columbia disintegrates upon reentry
- 10 million people worldwide protest Iraq war
- First identified case of SARS

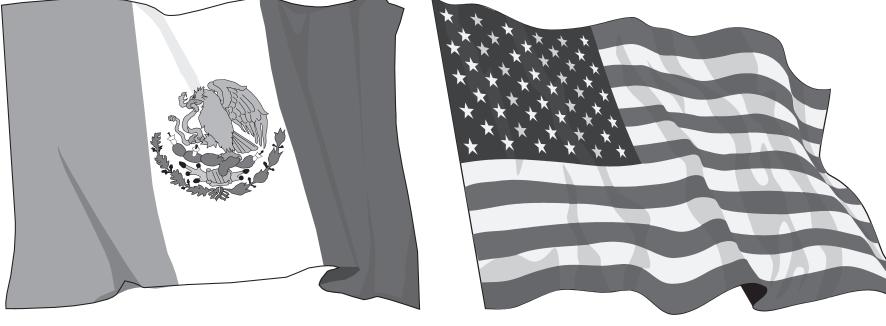
Queen Elizabeth II celebrates 50 years on throne

- War in Iraq begins
- Martha Stewart indicted
- Surgeon General declares obesity health threat
- Arnold Schwarzenegger elected CA governor in recall

- CIA admits Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction
- First US anti-spam law
- Medicare increases premiums 17.4% for doctor visits
- US deficit hits record \$422 billion
- Halliburton overcharged millions for fuel imports to Iraq
- Tsunamis hit landmasses bordering Indian Ocean
- Median sized home 2,140 square feet; median price \$221,000



- California gives gay couples similar benefits as married spouses
- Congress certifies President Bush's re-election
- Wal-Mart pays \$11 million settlement for using illegal immigrants
- Supreme Court rules people 40+ can file age bias employment claims
- Terri Schiavo dies days after legal battle disconnects her life-support
- KKK member Edgar Killen sentenced for '64 slayings of 3 civil rights workers
- Lance Armstrong wins 7th consecutive Tour de France
- Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans and Gulf Coast



2006

- Smithsonian selects site for National Museum of African American History and Culture
- NASA confirms "Big Bang" theory
- Thousands protest against legislation on illegal immigrants
- UN peacekeeping mission to Darfur
- Gates Foundation awards millions for HIV/AIDS research
- Infant mortality rate: 0.68 percent
- Life expectancy: Men 75.5 years; Women 80.7 years



Soviet Union collapses

Operation Desert Storm

- Bosnian Serbs declare their own republic
- Civil war ends in El Salvador
- Official end of Cold War
- Riots in Los Angeles after Rodney King verdict
- Bill Clinton defeats President George Bush



Yitzhak Rabin assassinated

- Ebola virus spreads in Zaire
- Oklahoma City Federal Building bombed
- Million Man March held in Washington, D.C.
- Reauthorization of LSCA to become Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA)



1997

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- India and Pakistan test nuclear weapons
- Titanic most successful movie to date
- Viagra goes on sale

